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1. (Unclassified - GLC) George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, called regarding information in the press this past weekend identifying the [ ] "defector." Murphy made the comment that it usually turned out that "these small fish" are not so small after all. Murphy is particularly interested in [ ] [ ] --his interest stems from the fact that [ ] holds the rank of [ ] and was identified as a KGB agent. Murphy said he would like to know any of the details regarding [ ] and any other aspects of this case which have a bearing on national security, NATO security, or atomic energy information.

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2. (Unclassified - JMM) In response to his request, called on Representative Edward J. Derwinski who wanted to point out that he had been misquoted in an FBIS transcript of a Czech broadcast of 20 April. I told Mr. Derwinski that I would call this to the attention of those concerned, but this particular item would receive very little circulation and I thought there was no reason for him to feel embarrassment because of it.

Mr. Derwinski said he would appreciate an Agency briefing within the next couple of weeks on Greece and Taiwan.

Mr. Derwinski recalled our earlier discussions about the Ervin bill (S. 782) and assured me he would support us any way he could if and when the matter comes up in the House Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee of which he is a member.

3. (Secret - JMM) Called on and briefed Representative Philip J. Philbin on the Soviet leadership situation, tensions in the Middle East, Sino-Soviet relations, and Soviet naval developments. Mr. Philbin said he hoped for an early meeting of our House Armed Services Subcommittee.

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10. (Secret - JMM) Briefed Representative Melvin Price on the Soviet leadership situation, Middle East tensions, Sino-Soviet relations and Soviet naval developments. Mr. Price had been particularly preoccupied lately with studies on the world population explosion but said he was hoping for an early meeting of our Subcommittee so he could get up-to-date on things like the ABM problem. He volunteered the comment that he thought the Agency's stock on the Hill was at an all time high, largely because of the way the Director had been handling himself.

11. (Secret - JMM) During a brief courtesy call I gave Representative O. C. Fisher a rundown on Soviet naval developments, Sino-Soviet relations and the Middle East situation. He said he looked forward to an early meeting of our House Armed Services Subcommittee so he could get up-to-date on these and other developments in more detail.

12. (Secret - JMM) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, who said that Chairman Stennis had recently commented on the conflicting testimony and confusion regarding the SS-9 and said he would probably want to call on the Agency to seek clarification.

Regarding the Daniels bill, Braswell recommended that we not take our problem to the Post Office and Civil Service Committee but rely on the Armed Services Committee so as not to create a jurisdictional problem. He said he was reasonably confident that if the civil service benefits went through-- a big if at this time in his opinion--the Committee would approve similar benefits for the Agency system.

Braswell knew of no recent developments regarding the Ervin bill (S. 782). I briefed Braswell on the [ ] defector case.

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13. (Unclassified - JMM) Delivered to Senator Stuart Symington's office a personal letter to the Senator from the Director.

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